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EVEN IF I DID
PULL OFF
THE ROLE OF
CINDERELLA,
IT WOULDN'T
CHANGE THE WAY
I LOOK.





BUT I WAS SUKEYO FUCHI'S DAUGHTER.



EVEN IF I
LOOKED
HORRIBLE, IF
I COULD JUST
PLAY THE
ROLE WELL...
I THOUGHT
IT'D, MAYBE,
CHANGE THE
WAY THEY
LOOK AT ME,
JUST A LITTLE.



THEY MIGHT
RECOGNIZE
ME AS MY
THAT'S
WHY I
WAS SO
DESPERATE...





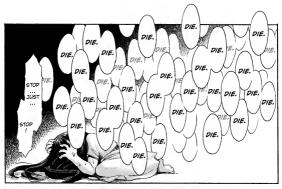








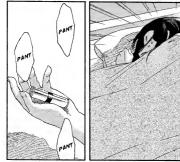


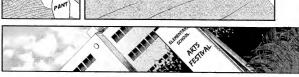


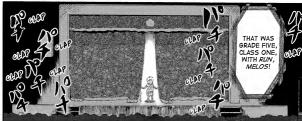






























"RIGHT NOW, I'M NOT ME. RIGHT NOW, I'M..."

"THIS IS MOMMY'S WORLD."

"CALM DOWN." I TOLD MYSELF...





















SHE'S
FACING THE
AUDIENCE,
SO I CAN'T
SEND
OUT THE
MOON.



IT'S FUNNY, THOUGH. IT ALMOST FEELS LIKE THERE'S A MOON OUT THERE.





"I WISH
I COULD
SNEAK
OUT OF
HERE AND
GO...

JUST ONCE!"



























IS EVERY-THING OKAY?! WHO'S THE ONE FEELING SICK?!



IF YOU DON'T DO AS I SAY, I'LL STRIP YOU NAKED RIGHT HERE AND TURN ON THE LIGHTS.





































BUT IF SHE TRIED TO GO GET HELP RIGHT THEN, IT WOULD HAVE CAUSED ME TROUBLE.



I HAD NO
IDEA. I
HADN'T EVEN
PREDICTED
THAT WE'D
SWITCH FACES.



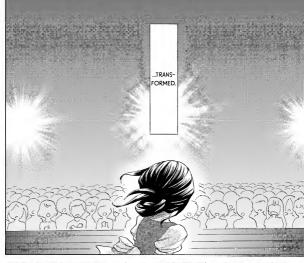
























































































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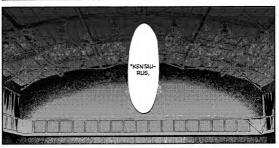


















THE
CAPTAIN OF
THE ACTING
CLUB, AND
ONE YEAR
OLDER
THAN ME.





I FIRST SAW HER DURING THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL A YEAR AGO.



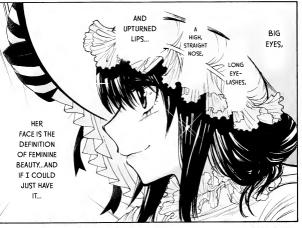






























"IF I'D



































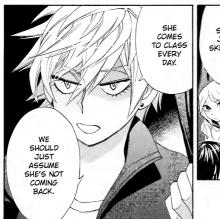


























I DOUBT THERE'S ANY WAY YOU COULD UNDERSTAND... HOW SHITTY I FEEL.



































WHY'RE YOU ALWAYS HANGING OUT WITH IKU-SEMPAI LATELY?

USING

HER AS

YOUR

SHIELD

'CAUSE

SHE'S CUTE? REALLY?













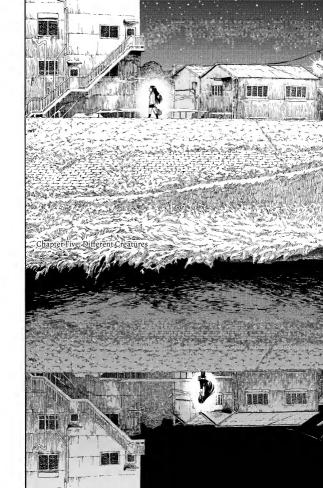










































...IT MADE ME REALLY HAPPY.







WE
WERE
LOOKING
UP AT
DIFFERENT
SKIES,
THAT
NIGHT.



WE
WERE
ALWAYS
LIVING IN
DIFFERENT
WORLDS.

























IN SEARCH OF
"TRUE HAPPINESS,"
HEADING TO THE
TERMINAL STATION.
THEY MEET A VARIETY
OF CHARACTERS
ALONG THEIR
JOURNEY.

TWO BEST FRIENDS GET ON THE GALACTIC RAILROAD TOGETHER...



WAS SO
DEPENDENT
ON HIS
FRIEND, AND
MISSED HIM
SO MUCH,
THAT HE
CREATED
THIS FANTASY.

GIOVANNI

"THE FESTIVAL SOUNDS SO LIVELY."







































WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE LIPSTICK TO WEAR OFF?

WAYI CAN TURN US BACK RIGHT AWAY

IS













I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT YOU'D QUIT.



I WAS SO BUSY AFTER ALL THAT, SO I WASN'T ABLE TO GO TO CLUB ACTIVITES...







I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED... WE WERE THE ONLY ONES TO GET A STANDING OVATION. A PERFORMANCE LIKE THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE US TO THE EAST-ERN REGIONAL CONVENTION!





THE MEMORIES CUT OFF...AFTER I SPOKE WITH YOU IN THE STORAGE ROOM.



I SAW
THE
RECORDING
OF THE
SHOW
ON FILM
WAS...
NOT EVEN
LIKE ME
AT ALL.





FEAR, HATE, DISGUST— THAT'S THE WAY YOU SHOULD FEEL TOWARD ME.



I... DIDN'T DO ANY-THING.

KIND, BUT
OBLIVIOUS
IKU-SEMPAI
...

GOODBYE.

YOU
TEMPTED ME,
AND I NEARLY
FORGOT THAT.



AND
THERE
WAS NO
REASON
FOR ME
TO BE
INVOLVED
WITH
SOMEONE WHO
COULDN'T
EVEN BE
A TARGET
FOR ME.



AND MOST OF ALL... I LEARNED THE VARIOUS RISKS... LIKE HOW IF I KISSED SOMEONE A SECOND TIME, WE WOULD TURN BACK.









































HURRY UP.
THEY'LL ALL BE
HERE SOON, SO
WIPE OFF THAT
LIPSTICK AND
HELP OUT.



THAT
WOMAN!
AND
EVERYONE
THINKS
SHE'S A
"KIND, WISE
AUNT"?

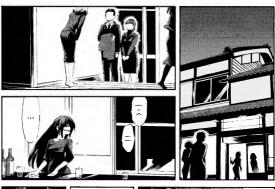
IF YOU WANT TO BE RID OF ME, GET YOUR CAREER ON THE ROAD AND WAIT TO BE A LEGAL ADULT.

ANY-

WAY!



MY REAL LIFE IS MORE OF A PRODUCTION THAN ANY-THING ON STAGE.

































I'M A
GROTESQUE
CREATURE WITH
THE FACE OF A
MONSTER ON
A WOMAN'S
BODY.



MY BODY IS BECOMING MORE ADULT, EVEN IF I NEVER ASKED FOR IT.





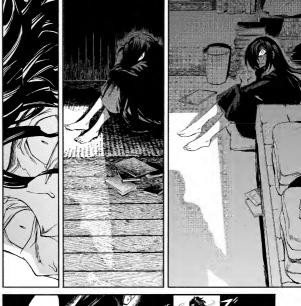
DID YOU USED TO BE LIKE THIS TOO, MOM?





















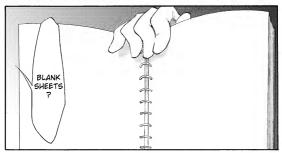














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YOU'LL FIND A WOMAN WHO NEEDS YOU AND THE POWER OF YOUR LIPSTICK.













...FROM THE THE ABYSS INTO WHITE LIGHTS!"



















IT'S DRAWING ME INTO THE WORLD ONSTAGE...















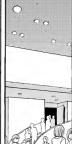


OH YEAH, AND WHERE IS THAT HABUTA DIRECTOR GUY?



COULDN'T THINKING ABOUT THAT BEAUTIFUL SUPPORTING

ACTRESS.



























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Translation Notes

Kasane

In the early Edo period in Shimousa province (present day Chiba/Ibaraki area), an ugly woman named Kasane was murdered by her husband. The event became so famous, it was dramatized into kabuki plays and dance-dramas.

The name Kasane comes from the verb kasaneru, which has many meanings. The first is "overlap," which is used when describing kissing (buchibiru wo kasaneru, to "overlap lips"). It can also mean to overlap metaphorically, as when its used to describe resemblance. Tamin in haha ga kasanatte mitets shimau, for example, means, "when people look at me, they see my mother." Kasaneru can also refer to repetition, doing the same thing again.

Finally, the kanji used to write Kasane's name can also mean "trouble," as in, "she's brought trouble for us."

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